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Spain really seems in earnest about

the abolition of slavery. The Cham-

ber of deputies has approved all of

the articles of the bill for abolition.

It is said that Vooghees' investigat-

ing committee will remain in Wash-

ington and take its North Carolina

testimony by proxy. This is certainly

an original Democratic way of

doing business, and is probably the

best way of finding out nothing about

the matter. Vooghees understands

how not to do it.

The Presidency.

In a very complimentary letter to the Leader published two weeks ago our good friend, Capt. O. S. B. Wall, of Washington, says:

"But while I differ with you as to the best man in the Republican ranks for the coming presidential nomination, I think every colored man in the country should be proud of and encourage you in the publication of such a paper."

Now we are not certain that the captain is correct. We do not know who Captain Wall's candidate is, and we as yet have not declared ourselves. We have defended General Grant from the attacks of his enemies. We have said that he would make a good president, and we have scouted the idea that any man could usurp the executive office of this Government or that the republic would be endangered by the election of a president to a third term. We are not blind, however, to the fact that there are a great many good Republicans who are conscientiously opposed to the election of any man to a third term, and it is not certain that the party can afford to ignore the sentiment of this class.

It is useless to say that the persons who constitute this class are not Republicans, or that the feeling against a third term is not wide-spread and determined. We are in the presence of a great crisis, and no step must be taken that will jeopardize the success of the Republican party. Any one of the great leaders, Blaine, Sherman, Conkling or Washburne, can poll the full vote of the party, and be triumphantly elected if nominated at Chicago. Neither would encounter the bitter opposition within the party that the third term agitation would engender in the event of General Grant's nomination. We want to see a strong, bold, stalwart Republican nominated. One who hates Southern brutality and rascality, and who will be brave enough to exhaust every prerogative to secure equal rights to all men throughout the length and breadth of our land. It cannot be doubted that such a man can be found among the distinguished names mentioned above.

At Last.

Affairs in Maine are moving on smoothly. The Republicans have complete control of all departments of the government. The Fusionists go through the farce of holding sessions of their so-called legislature in a hall. Their meetings, however, are simply a harmless way they have of letting themselves down. They say that if they had possession of the State house they would not vacate without bloodshed. That terrible "if" relieves them of the necessity of shedding their worthless blood, and will allow the counted-in and kicked-out chaps to scout out to the lumber regions, and make enough money during the winter and spring to pay for their "splurge" in search of fame. It is fortunate, not only for the people of Maine, but for the whole country, that this infamous assault upon Republican government and institutions has been met and crushed. The leaders ought to be sent to the penitentiary. The poor devils who have been only the dupes of designing politicians will be sufficiently punished by the contempt and ostracism of their neighbors and friends.

The people of this country should hold the Democratic party responsible for this outrage. That party is simply attempting to use in the North the tactics employed with such signal success in Mississippi, South Carolina and other States. Every patriot should understand that the success of the Democratic party means the overthrow of Republican institutions and the downfall of American liberty.

Do the Colored People of Indiana Demand the Pardon of William Nelson.

Early in the fall we published a petition to the governor asking the pardon of Nelson, and requested the people of the State to sign and forward to us. The petition was received everywhere with favor, and many letters of commendation and congratulation came to us from all sections. Quite a number of petitions came in at first, but the enthusiasm soon cooled and the petitions stopped coming. It was our purpose to present the petition to the governor before the holidays, but after mature consideration we decided not to do so, for the reason that, in numbers the

petitions can not be said to represent the colored people of the State. We know that the failure to respond is simply due to the fact that in many communities no one has assumed the responsibility of circulating a petition. Everybody favored the petition and everybody trusted it to everybody—and what is everybody's business is nobody's business.

Now will not some person in every town and community in the State take the trouble to circulate a petition for signatures and forward to us at once. There ought to be thousands of names from places that have not sent in 50. Are the colored people of Indiana in favor of pardoning William Nelson; if so, let them speak out.

Mr. Parnell, M. P., the great Irish agitator, is receiving splendid ovations wherever he goes in the United States. Our sympathies are with the Irish people in this matter. The policy of England under the present premier is begetting discontent and trouble throughout the dominion. The demand of the Irish for home rule is reasonable and just. This demand would not doubt be readily espoused by the Liberal party of England were it not for the communistic land theories held by the Home rule party. There is, however, a crying need for some reform in the land system, and for a policy that will eventually work the overthrow of the system of absenteeism. These absentee lords, owners of the soil, hold in their penurious grasp the homes and destinies of three millions of Irish people, and they take out of the country every year thirty millions of dollars, thus sapping the very foundations of industry and prosperity.

If the Home rule party will keep aloof from any semblance of communism, an alliance can be effected with the English Liberals, which will no doubt effect the reform of many abuses of which they now justly complain.

It is time the civilized world had entered a protest against the foreign policy of Great Britain under Beaconsfield's outrageously selfish rule. It seems that even the poor right of petition is denied the unfortunate people whose governments have been overthrown to gratify the territorial greed of brutal usurpers. A striking illustration of Beaconsfield justice is seen in the arrest, on the charge of arson, of citizens of the Transvaal Republic of South Africa because after their government was forcibly overthrown, they petitioned the British government to permit their legislature to assemble and make laws for them. It is fortunate that the English people will soon have an opportunity to relieve this man, of the power and responsibilities that have so turned his head.

It now seems certain that the mass of the Democratic party of this State will array itself against the Constitutional amendments. The principal reason assigned is that the Amendments inure to the benefit of the Republican party. The amendment that is of paramount interest to the colored people is the one which strikes the word "white" out of the Constitution. Colored men throughout the State should organize and work unceasingly for the amendment from now till the polls close on the day of the election. The amendments are all important and should be adopted. We will discuss them at length in future issues.

That is a very handsome compliment which President Solomon of Hayti has paid to Hon. E. A. Bassett, ex-Minister to Hayti, namely: the appointment of Mr. Bassett as Haytian Consul at New York at a salary of \$6,000 a year. Mr. Bassett was the first colored man appointed by the Government of the United States to an important foreign mission. So ably, efficiently and satisfactorily did Mr. Bassett discharge the duties of Haytian Minister of eight years, that it may be truthfully said of him that he honored his country, his race and the position conferred upon him.

Much dissatisfaction has been caused by the nomination of Democrats as superintendents of the census. President Hayes seems disposed to do what is right in the matter, however, and has withdrawn several objectionable names.

Democratic Infamy.

The infamous conduct of a democratic mob at Shelbyville some time ago seems to have stimulated similar occurrences in other sections. In the vicinity of Greenfield, Hancock county, the houses and barns of several individuals who have sheltered or employed immigrants have been burned, and other outrages committed. A notice was posted that this would be done "if any of the immigrants were 'harbored or employed' in that vicinity. The villainous threat has been kept and the infernal instincts of the Democratic party are manifested. We counsel retaliation. Let these brutes be made to feel and know that the vile practices of Southern Democrats can not be introduced into free Indiana.

Professor W. A. Bell, of this city, is prominently mentioned as a candidate for State superintendent, on the Republican ticket. Professor Bell was the pupil of America's greatest educator, Horace Mann. His whole life has been spent in the educational interests of Indiana. As editor of the Indiana School Journal he has done much to place the common school system of Indiana on its present magnificent basis. The educational interests of Indiana could not be entrusted to safer hands than those of Professor W. A. Bell.

The New York Herald is bitterly opposed to opening our Legislative halls to Mr. Parnell. "What would we have said," exclaims the Herald, "if, previous to our civil war the British House of Commons had opened their hall to Wm. Lloyd Garrison for an abolition meeting? We should have said 'Amen, a most righteous deed.' What else could any mortal animated by the instincts of humanity say?"

We acknowledge interesting communications from Rev. W. H. Anderson, Hon. J. H. Walker and Prof. Elias Anderson, of Terre Haute; E. P. Whetsell, Esq. of Fort Wayne; and a number of others, which have been crowded out. Have patience with us, good friends; we'll do better after awhile.

Hon. J. M. Ridenour has been appointed Superintendent of the Census for this district. The appointment of Mr. Ridenour is an excellent one and gives entire satisfaction.

Reckon They Can't Explain.

Democrats tell us that the Negroes are coming from a district in North Carolina that is "overwhelmingly Republican." The most of them have come from the second congressional district which gives, at a fair election, over 10,000 Republican majority. Democrats cite this fact as an evidence of a political significance in the exodus. We should like for some Democrat to explain how Mr. W. H. Kit chen, a rabid ex-Confederate Democrat, happens to represent this same district in the present Congress? He must be a model Democrat to have turned 10,000 Republican majority into a Democratic majority of 1,100.

Chicago News.

The ladies of the Derby club gave a Leap Year party Friday night on the West Side and you shall have full account of it in due season.

The Bird concert at Olivet church Monday night was postponed till next Monday night. All the members and friends of the club should attend and help in the work of paying the pastor.

The Rock Island road lately yielded to the schemes of the Pullman company, and as a result all of the colored conductors were degraded from their positions of trust and made subordinate to white conductors. This was more than they could endure, so a number of them have left the road.

The funeral of J. D. Washington occurred Sunday. It was a large and imposing display by the Masonic fraternity of which he was a highly esteemed brother. St. Marks Chapter, Corinthian Commandery and the Blue lodges, numbering nearly two hundred men in all, followed the lost brother to his final resting place. The procession of Knights was every way worthy of the order and said to be unexcelled by any previous turnout. Few of our citizens have had more fitting tribute of respect than this deceased brother.

Wm. S. Johnson, Ferdinand Hopeland and Frank J. Elston formerly proprietors of the Conservator have gone into business. Messrs. Johnson and Hopeland have opened a first-class food and feed store and deserve the patronage of the colored people in their new enterprise. We are glad to note the new enterprise with success. Mr. Elston has purchased the University laundry at Evanston, and will do well no doubt, as the field is a good, and his laundry the best in the place.

The Mutual Protective association held a large and orderly meeting Tuesday night at Quinn Chapel. Address were made by the president, J. E. Henderson, who stated the aim of the society and its work; Hon. J. W. E. Thomas, Wm. Baker,

Wm. S. Johnson, E. H. Morris, Rev. G. C. Booth, Walter Scott, A. F. Bradley and others. The public pulse seems to beat in unison with the organization and the speakers were frequently and enthusiastically applauded. Before the exercises closed Rev. J. C. Booth a letter read from the editor of the St. Louis Journal his desire to locate the Journal in Chicago, and desiring the co-operation of our citizens. Mr. Houser arose and stated that Mr. Beard had a move on foot to establish a paper here and had purchased material. This was affirmed also by Mr. Beard. Mr. R. M. Hancock then spoke saying that while the citizens should make no special inducements to the Journal if Mr. Beard was located here, still that paper might move here and do well. Mr. Beard said also that there was plenty of room, and all might come who saw fit. So it seems like we are to have a paper of our own at last. Mr. Beard is a gentleman of means and is a printer and will doubtless do well. W. H. Stanton of the Journal and his brother are printers of 14 years experience. They have a first class printing office in St. Louis, and if they move here our citizens will be able to throw all their printing in the hands of colored men. Mr. Stanton is in correspondence with Elders Booth and DeBaptiste and our citizens will doubtless hear more of the movement.

Terre Haute News.

Charles Mallory has returned to this city from Vincennes.

R. C. Greear was quite unwell last week, but is now himself again.

Little Stella Daniels has been sick since Christmas, caused by a fall.

Mrs. Southard and son left last week for St. Louis, their future home.

Edward Smith, Esq., of Vincennes, visited his friends in this city last week.

Mrs. Carrie Bass' youngest son, Wallace, has been sick with scarlet fever.

Mr. James Thorpe has opened a lunch counter on Fourth street. Success to him.

Mrs. Alvira Roberts, of Lost Creek, has been quite sick, but we are glad to say she is now better.

Charles Smith, of Marshall, Ill., says he can't get along without The Leader, so put him down as a subscriber. Next!

Where, O, where is Non Dum? Can it be possible that he has been "pulverized," cremated, got lost, or anything of that kind?

Mrs. H. Malone, formerly Mrs. Sanlier, one of our oldest and most highly respected citizens, has been quite sick this week.

Judge John G. Crain, a prospective Republican candidate for Congress, died quite suddenly of paralysis at his residence in this city last Friday.

The Baptist and Methodist churches of this city, under the charge, respectively, of Revs. W. H. Anderson and J. Mitchell, are holding protracted meetings.

Mail agent Walker transferred the largest amount of mail last Thursday night that he has ever handled in one day since he has been in the service, about eight years.

A young men's Republican club has been organized in this city, with J. O. Hardesty, of the Courier, president. Its members must be between the ages of 20 and 35. The Republicans will leave no stone unturned to carry this county.

Why does the usher at the A. M. E. church move some people to find seats for others? Why not put strangers even if they are white, just where there are vacant seats? If they come to a colored church, they can surely afford to sit with colored people.

I would like to call the attention of the A. M. E. church management to a nuisance which they ought to abate. A great many persons go to this church Sunday nights out of mere curiosity, to see and be seen. A majority of these curiosity seekers behave themselves as becomes ladies and gentlemen, but there are a great many who behave themselves much after the fashion of somebody at a minstrel or a variety show. They chew tobacco, spit, talk, run in and out, as though they withdrew to take drinks between acts. Of course these people don't know how to behave themselves; it therefore becomes the duty of somebody to teach them good behavior. The church, however, is not the place to teach manners. I suggest that the ushers be authorized to deny admittance to all strange boys, especially those who are not accompanied by ladies. Most of those who have female company will behave themselves. I think it is the duty of those in authority to take this matter in hands and put a stop to this theatre gallery business. HINCE.

Cleveland (O.) News.

The Toledo Commercial has a colored reporter on its staff.

The Leader can be bought of H. C. Smith, 31 Newton street.

Attend the Sunday-school of the Episcopal church, at 9:30 a. m. every Sunday.

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There has been another society formed, to be called "The Union Sewing Circle." It will probably be connected with the A. M. E. church.

Your correspondent made a flying visit to Columbus last week, but has not the pleasure of meeting your agent there. O, where, O, where was he? Will he answer?

Who is going to try to organize another military company? Is it true that the colored people of this city are unable to organize and support one of such organizations?

The Leader is progressing finely; every person is reading it. Please aid the agent by telling your neighbors and friends of it. By doing this you will accommodate the publishers and help the cause.

A greater interest should be taken in the new church just being formed, by the people, especially the Christian people. The church is on Chapel street, near Scoo. Service is held every Sunday evening at half past seven o'clock.

Mr. Winfield has at last come to the conclusion that living single don't pay, and thinking this has slipped off, after the fashion of one other young gentleman, and quietly taken to his home a mate, or rather gone to her.

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